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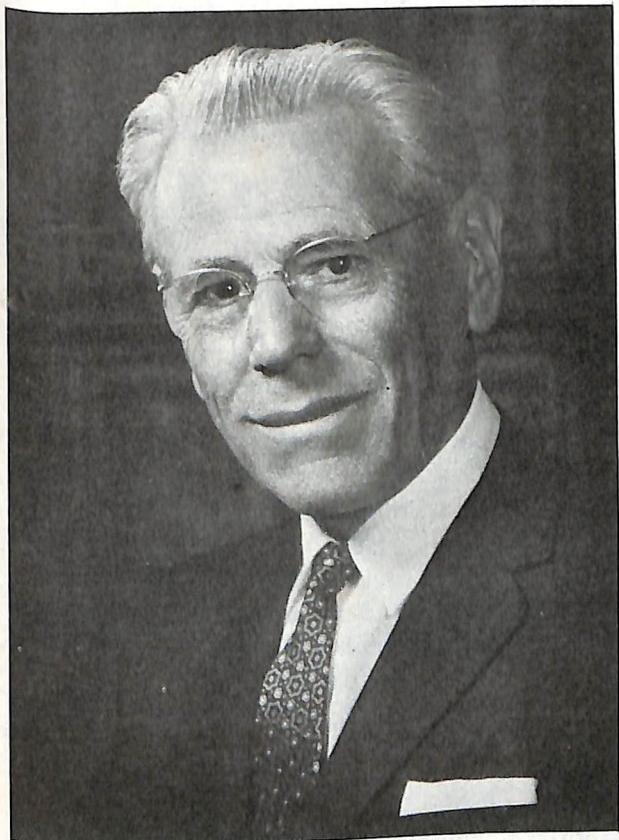
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Lebanon on a Fact  
Finding Mission  
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## IN MEMORY OF



A. Stephen Mehagian  
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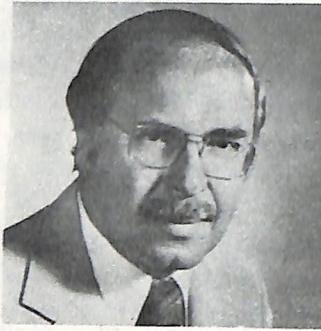
"IN DEATH ALSO SHALL A. STEPHEN  
MEHAGIAN'S MEMORY LIVE BECAUSE  
STEVEN'S EARTHLY EXISTENCE IS  
ENTWINED WITH THE FOUNDING AND  
SUCCESSFUL PROGRESS OF HAIGAZIAN  
COLLEGE."  
— G.H.C.

# A FRUITFUL VISITATION TO LEBANON

Prospects for Cooperative Leadership Enhanced

## Editorial

— by Sam Hekemian



An important event planned early but executed late was finally completed. Two years ago the Board of Directors made a decision to send a delegation to Lebanon. After three unsuccessful efforts which were cancelled due to uncertainties in the Middle East, a fourth effort became a reality when six delegates left for

Beirut and spent June 13 to 24 in the area. The six delegates were Mrs. Joyce Philibosian Stein, Mr. Richard Ajian and Mr. Nazar Daghlian representing the Stephen Philibosian Foundation, and Dr. Peter Doghramji, the Honorable Set Momjian, Dr. G.H. Chopourian and Mr. Nazar Daghlian (double representation) representing the AMAA Board of Directors. Mrs. Stein was accompanied by her husband Joseph Stein and their two daughters, Stephanie and Christine. Like the Stein family, Mrs. Chopourian also traveled on "tourist" status.

### PURPOSE OF DELEGATION'S VISIT

The Delegation's visit to Lebanon was for the primary task of fact finding and subsequent evaluation of the AMAA's activities in the Middle East. In addition, it was essential to show our support to our co-workers and friends to encourage them in their work; to raise their morale; and to assure AMAA solidarity with the Armenian community in the Middle East. Finally, the delegation would utilize the opportunity to celebrate Haigazian College's 25th Anniversary and attend its 25th Anniversary Commencement at which Board member Set Momjian gave the English address and Dr. G.H. Chopourian the Armenian.

### DELEGATION'S JOINT REPORT

Upon the delegates' return, a very comprehensive report was submitted by the delegates to the Board of Directors. The analysis is complete with facts; summaries of discussions with various groups, particularly our involvement with the UAECNE, visitations, reports with organizations, churches and community leaders; and participation in commencements, church worship services and receptions. They have also outlined the needs and concerns in the field and have made a large number of recommendations to the Board of Directors for their consideration. All in all, the delegates faced a very tight schedule and had very little time for visits to their many personal friends.

### DELEGATION'S OFFICIAL BUSINESS

In meeting with the Central Committee of the Near East Union the delegates reviewed the advantages of the reorganization of the schools; the need for sending representation to the Armenian Evangelical World Council; the necessity of recruitment of highly qualified ministerial candidates; the need to augment the Ministers' and Ministers' Widows' Pen-

sion Endowment Fund; the needs of the instrumentalities of the UAEC-NE; and the difficulties of dependent churches. In addition, the work and activities of the instrumentalities of the Union were studied jointly. These were the (1) Social Action Committee which reaches out with relief provisions; (2) Unified Scholarship Committee which distributes and accounts for funds sent from the U.S.; (3) Christian Endeavor Executive Committee which operates camps, publishes periodicals, promotes youth work and prepares youth for church membership; (4) Hamaynkayin which engages in civil and secular action; (5) Center for Armenian Handicapped of Lebanon (CAHL) in which the blind, deaf and the aged receive care; (6) Armenian National Sanatorium of which the Union is founder and part owner.

With the Haigazian College leadership, the delegates discussed readjustment of space, quality of the programs, greater financial sources to meet growing needs and the prospects for the future.

### OFFICIAL AND COURTESY VISITATIONS

In their official visitations, the delegates attended the N.E.S.T. Commencement and met with the President and faculty of the Near East School of Theology; exchanged courtesies with and reaffirmed our best wishes to the co-Catholicoi of the Antelias Catholicosate, their Holinesses Khoren and Karekin. The group also visited the Armenian Catholic Patriarch, His Holiness Gedikian, with whom mutual expressions of appreciation were exchanged.

The delegation further visited with the leaders of the Armenian Fund for Economic Development (AFED) and the Agency for International Development (A.I.D.) at which time it was revealed there were possibilities of a 2.1 million dollar grant by A.I.D. for Armenians in Lebanon. We have been assured by Board member Set Momjian there is a forthcoming grant of \$300,000 to CAHL's Home for the Armenian Aged for reconstruction, renovation and updating of the buildings destroyed during the civil war. Three of our delegates met with the leadership of the AGBU at the Alex Manoogian Center. A most fruitful visit was made to the Karagheuzian Foundation Clinic where the delegates saw the work of the Karagheuzian Family who have been performing wonderful service to Armenians. The housing development in Beirut, the Clinic, and the services rendered to handicapped children touched the hearts of the visitors. We salute Miss Karagheuzian for her contribution to the betterment of the life of Armenians in Lebanon. The Jinishian Memorial Program, dedicated to serve impoverished Armenians by providing financial relief for their various needs, has revitalized the lives of many Armenians, particularly in view of the creative self development projects that the Program has undertaken. We are proud to have our Treasurer, Mr. Edward Janjigian, act as Chairman of the U.S. Jinishian Memorial Program Advisory Committee of five among whom are Miss Leila Karagheuzian and the Reverend Vartan Hartunian.

### BENEFITS OF THE VISITATION

We are happy to report that as a result of this visitation a



Nazar Daghlian, the Honorable Set Momjian, and Dr. G.H. Chopourian meet with Catholicos Khoren I at Antelias.



The delegation meets with Armenian Catholic Patriarch Gedikian and other representatives of the Patriarchate in Ashrafieh.



Catholicos Khoren I, c., and Coadjutor Catholicos Karekin II, left of c., welcome the delegation to the Catholicosate at Antelias.



Members of the Arab Protestant Synod meet with the delegation.



Visiting the Near East School of Theology, Beirut.



Dr. Fletcher, l., President of the Near East School of Theology, with Dr. Chopourian.



The delegation visits the Jinishian Foundation.

\$300,000 grant for the Home of the Armenian Aged in Lebanon was realized. This was a direct result of Board member Set Momjian's personal efforts in discussions with the American Ambassador in Beirut. Without Set, this grant could not have been possible.

As a further result of this trip, the members of the Board of Directors have already obtained better insights both into the problems of our Armenian community in Lebanon as well as into the community's important contributions to the educational, cultural and religious life of the people. The receipt of correspondence and reports from the field is not the same as meeting face to face with our people and discussing problems. For instance, the delegation realized more strongly than ever before the sharp crisis in leadership that exists in the Protestant community in the Middle East. On the plus side, the unusually large contribution evangelicals make to the educational development of Armenians came into even sharper focus. The Protestant community of 3% is educating 3,000 (43%) of the 7,000 Armenian students in schools in Lebanon. The Apostolic community of 90% is educating about 4,000 (57%) of the total number of students. This contribution takes on greater significance when another fact is unveiled — of the 3,000 students in Protestant schools only 392 or only 13% are Evangelicals, the remaining 87% being non-Protestant.

We are serving all Armenians well!

### DELEGATES MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS

Forty specific and general recommendations appear in the Joint Report for the attention of the Board. Specific monetary needs of churches, schools, and organizations would amount to about \$150,000. The general recommendations which would involve (1) placement of missionary personnel to make the AMAA a truly missionary association and (2) the provision of assistance for leaders such as executive secretaries, youth workers and editors would require another \$50,000 annually.

As president of the Association it was not possible for me to join the delegation. However, I am most grateful to all the delegates who visited Lebanon and came back with insights, facts, information and recommendations which will assist us in directing the life of this Association more effectively. I am convinced that much value will come out of this visitation. I feel that what we have learned from this report will help provide us with valuable information which will assist us in our future policy and decision making. Undoubtedly, therefore, prospects for cooperative leadership have been enhanced.

We ask the Armenian public to join us all in prayer for and in support of the work that is so precious for the kingdom of God.



# THE RIGGS' AND THE SHEPARDS':

## Missionaries with American Heads but Armenian Hearts



A social visit to the mountain home of Mr. and Mrs. Hraig Mourad by the delegation.



A meeting at Haigazian College.



The delegation with members of the Christian Endeavor Youth Societies of Syria and Lebanon.



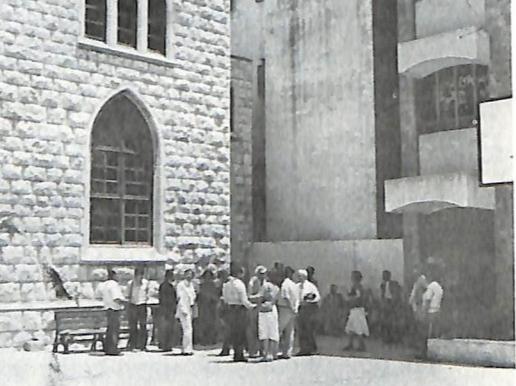
The Armenian Evangelical pastors of Lebanon and Syria with, front row, left, D. Minasian and P. Doghramji.



Handicapped children in a program at the Karagheuzian Foundation facility with their teacher.



Residents of the Home for the Armenian Aged, Beirut.



The Yerem and Martha Philibosian Armenian Evangelical College, r., and the Armenian Evangelical Church, Beirut, l.



Joyce Philibosian Stein, her husband, Joseph, and the caretaker of the Stephen Philibosian Endowment Fund properties, Missak Djeredjian.



The delegation visits the Armenian National Sanatorium in Azounieh.



Two members return safely via Kennedy Airport.

"Affected by infinite sorrow, he named the unlucky teachers of Yeprad College one by one. With tears in his eyes he recollects also the names of his male and female students who had been driven like flocks of sheep and whom he had followed like a good shepherd on their blood-strewn journeys."

Those words appeared in the Reverend Ernest Wilson Riggs' obituary in the June 28, 1952 issue of "Hayastani Gotchnag" lamenting Mr. Riggs' death on March 25, 1952. Mr. Riggs had expressed those deep sentiments at the testimonial given in his honor on his retirement from the Presidency of Anatolia College in Thessaloniki, Greece which he had built up successfully to parallel the grandeur of the College in Turkey that was lost forever. American educational and religious work among Armenians in Turkey, American missionaries and the Armenian genocide are so delicately intertwined that it is impossible to separate one from the other. One discovers this when investigating the life of any American missionary to Turkey and his work among Armenians.

Mrs. Riggs, the wife of the Reverend Ernest Riggs, and the former Alice Shepard, daughter of the late Dr. Fred D. Shepard, today, at 94, lives near Brattleboro, Vermont. She infuses inspiration through her correspondence which is still done in a beautiful hand despite her arthritic condition. The two families, the Riggs' and the Shepards', bring into focus the loving work done for Armenians by American missionaries in the Near East. They become mirrors reflecting in themselves the greatness of all the others.

**Mrs. Alice Shepard Riggs** was born in Aintab (now "Gaziantep") and as a young girl was baptized and received in membership by the Pastor of the Second Armenian Evangelical Church of Aintab in which her father was Deacon. Alice

still remembers how the stethoscope he always carried for emergencies stuck out of his pocket, while he passed the communion elements. Mrs. Riggs left to posterity a great monument in the biography of her father she wrote entitled, "SHEPARD OF AINTAB" published in 1920.

Dr. Shepard spent the last few weeks of his life on a trip to Istanbul to try to get exemption from deportation for the Armenian Protestants of Aintab. What broke his heart was his failure in doing so! Soon after his return from Istanbul, he died on December 6, 1915 of the typhus he contracted while caring for the disease-ridden Armenian refugees in the concentration camp outside the city.

Alice's mother, **Mrs. Fanny Andrews Shepard**, was constantly working like her husband to serve all the people of Turkey. She advised the Central Turkey College students (to whom she taught botany) to stay in their own Gregorian Church. She started a Sunday School for 800 children, meeting in the Armenian Gregorian Cathedral. The Bible was taught three Sundays in the month and Armenian Church history on the fourth Sunday. With the unexpectedly large enrollment on the first day, teenage Alice was pressed into service! Her class of 100 little girls sat on the floor in the women's gallery!

Mrs. Shepard, though she practiced as obstetrician seven years at the hospital, made her greatest contribution by starting "The Aintab Cottage Industries" in a time of famine. It grew and spread to other towns and not only provided employment for thousands, but ran schools for the children of the women employed. Proceeds from sales were invested in buildings both at the College and the Hospital. Her sister, Lucy C. Andrews, gave her time and talent to the sale of the laces and embroideries in America. Mrs. Shepard used to say, "My head is American but my heart is Armenian."



Rev. Ernest W. Riggs



Mrs. Alice Shepard Riggs

**The Reverend Ernest W. Riggs**, husband of Mrs. Alice Shepard Riggs, was the son and grandson of distinguished American Board missionaries to the Near East. He was born in Mervizion, Turkey on July 3, 1881 and died on March 25, 1952. In 1910, Mr. Riggs and his wife, Alice Shepard Riggs, were appointed career missionaries of the American Board and were stationed at Harpoot where Mr. Riggs served as President of Euphrates College for five years, replacing his brother Henry, who, on the retirement of "Parson" Brown, became a touring missionary for all the surrounding village churches and later, the head of "The Near East School of Theology" and "The Near East Christian Council" in Beirut. When Ernest was in Istanbul with the Near East Relief (as traveling Child Welfare Director for all their orphanages), he tried to get into Soviet Armenia to reestablish Euphrates College but could not get a permit to enter. Ernest spoke, preached and prayed in Armenian and people could hardly believe he was not Armenian born.

In 1933, Mr. Riggs was installed as President of Anatolia College, Thessaloniki, Greece, which post he held until 1950 when he reached the age of retirement.

**Mariam Riggs**, whose death on January 3, 1978 grieved the Riggs family, was their adopted daughter and not only "big sister" to the Riggs' two sons, Lorrin and Douglas, but also "guardian angel," keeping them again and again from grave injury or even sudden death. Alice Riggs thankfully relates the following incident as an example: "When Douglas was 14, we were spending the summer at the beach at Ocean Park, Maine. On a hot day, Douglas dug a deep hole in the sand with a pail and sat down at the bottom to read a book. Suddenly some children came running to Mariam near by: 'Douglas is gone,' they shouted! 'Where?' Mariam asked. 'We don't know, just gone they uttered and pointed to the spot where, in playing around the hole, they had inadvertently caused the sand to cave in on him and bury him. Mariam ran

and dug frantically till she found Douglas' hair, then realizing she could not dig him out alone called for help. It was slow work, digging and lining the pit with sweaters, and digging again and again. He was already unconscious when they got him out. The only thing that saved him was the position he was in, bent over to read with a tiny bit of air space between his bent knees! I was away and never heard of it all till the next day! What did you think of down there?" I asked. 'Well,' he said, 'first I thought of you and how awful it would be for you if I died — then I thought of Houdini and how he got out of tight places if he kept his head. Then I said a little prayer and went to sleep!"

Mrs. Riggs says of her adopted Armenian daughter, "Mariam was received into the family on September 3, 1915 as a lovely teenage school girl and as a precious last gift from her wonderful, courageous mother, who did not survive the terrible genocide of the Armenians. When, at the end of the war, we finally reached America, she completed her education at the Northfield School for Girls, MA and Leslie College in Cambridge, and became an exceptionally gifted teacher of young children and a skilled social worker with many years of service in the State of New York, Washington, D.C., Honolulu and California.

After years of teaching in Claremont, California, she retired there at Pilgrim Place, much loved by her former pupils and their parents. Most appreciated of her many volunteer services in that large retirement community are her beautiful bulletin board exhibits, changing with the seasons, which are being maintained as a fit memorial to a much loved person.

After many years of retirement at the "Walker Missionary Homes" of Auburndale, Mass., Mrs. Riggs herself is now residing with son Douglas and his wife Robin near Brattleboro, Vt.

We Armenians in these parts are fortunate to share fellowship with this grand lady who, like her mother, "has an American head but an Armenian heart." Our thanks and gratitude to them are sincere and limitless.

## WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE?

### A Message by Judge Avakian to AEUNA Delegates

When Judge Spurgeon Avakian was asked to speak at the AEUNA's Fifth Biennial Assembly Banquet on June 28, 1980, he appealed to his wife for assistance. He confesses that her prime contribution to his topic was "Keep it short," reminding him that a study on after-dinner speeches has disclosed that 77.3% were considered too long, 22.5% much too long, .2% just right and 0% too short. The next day, 23% of the audience remembered the general subject of the talk, and 55% remembered the name of the speaker. A week later, these figures had shrunk to 12% and 27% respectively. A year later, 19% remembered there had been a speaker, 7% remembered his name, 2.5% remembered the subject, but of those only 1 out of 5 remembered which side the speaker took.

After attention-gripping humor, the Judge settled down to dispel seriously myths of popular Christianity as revealed in such philosophies as —

"We base our lives on the Bible.  
I know just exactly what I want  
from life..."

"I'm going to be prosperous."

"But," the judge went on, "that is not the message of Christ, and it cannot be one of the goals of Christianity. The Galilean who said 'it is harder for a rich man to get to heaven than for a camel to get through the eye of a needle,' or 'blessed are the meek;' who called Disciples to leave their businesses to follow him; who said, 'Don't store up treasures here on earth'



Judge Spurgeon Avakian

would not accept for a moment the idea that being prosperous is a proper goal for a Christian. Yet, we have built our social, political, and economic structure — yes, even our religious order — on the idea that accumulating material wealth is a great idea. That's all I'm going to say about where we are."

Emphasizing the necessity of knowing ourselves individually as "Armenian Christians" and knowing each one's response to the understanding of injustice, of inhumanity, of intolerance, of prejudice and discriminatory practices, and his responsibility to provide a Christian answer to these cancerous growths as they exist in our world of today, he cited examples of prejudice and discrimination against Armenians and of his own final awakening to the glory of his own Armenian heritage. He concluded his message as excitedly as an olympiad reaching out to the finishing line for his Gold Medal:

"So what does this have to do with where we go from here? Everything! Because we, too, can fall victim to the idea that now that we've made it in our own country, we don't need to be concerned about injustice. It's because we are Armenian Christians, who throughout many centuries have been subjected to prejudice, discrimination, murder, and mass genocide, that we must never forget that human dignity, and freedom, and justice, and love and compassion are indivisible, and do not exist for long for any group unless they exist for all . . . My final word is actually a sentence: Keep alive our Armenian heritage, and nurture it with the Christian principles of love and brotherhood."



Vartkes Kassouni, newly elected Moderator of the AEU-NA, with the immediate past moderator, George Philibosian.

## THE REVEREND LEON TAVITIAN, D. MIN.

Reverend Leon Tavitian, ordained at the Armenian Evangelical Church of New York in 1968, nine years after his initial ministry, recently received the Doctor of Ministry Degree from Andover Newton Theological School. He previously attained a M. Th. from Colgate Rochester Seminary, a B. Div. from Crozer Theological Seminary and B.A. from Roger Williams College, majoring in psychology and sociology.

His most recent pastoral position was with the Armenian Congregational Church of Providence, Rhode Island. He has served in the Presbyterian Church of West New York, N.J., the Methodist Church of Port Elizabeth, N.J., and the German Reformed Church of Haverford, Pa.

Reverend Tavitian has also served on the Providence Human Relations Committee; the Faith and Order Dept. of the U.C.C., Rhode Island; as Chaplain at Haverford Hospital; in the Alcoholics Anonymous Unit; as Youth Commission Chairman of the AEUNA; and as Vice-Moderator of AEU Eastern States and Canada. He has devoted 25 years to the Armenian Protestant Youth Fellowship as an advisor. Leon's counselling to youth and adults and his ecumenical activities have been a source of help and inspiration to many people.

The Board of Directors extends congratulations and best wishes for a long period of edifying ministry.



At the benefit dinner for Haigazian College are, l. to r., Rev. Dr. Vahan H. Tootikian; Haigazian College President Dr. John Markarian; AGBU Life President Alex Manoogian; the host, Charles Yessayan; Wayne State University faculty member Rev. Robert P. Rubyan.

## BENEFIT DINNER FOR HAIGAZIAN COLLEGE

Forty-two persons attended a \$100 a plate benefit dinner for Haigazian College on Saturday evening, April 26, 1980 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Yessayan of Northville, Mi. The host family had invited a select group of their friends in order to familiarize them with the work of the AMAA in general and Haigazian College in particular.

Impressed by the tremendous missionary, educational, and philanthropic work of the AMAA following his visit to its Headquarters and a discussion with Dr. Chopourian, Mr. Yessayan had conceived the idea of "doing something for the Association" in token gratitude. On learning 1980 is the 25th Anniversary of Haigazian College and after consulting with Dr. Tootikian, he decided to throw a party to mark this happy occasion.

Dr. Markarian, guest of honor of the evening, made a very forceful presentation. Among his many remarks, he pointed out that this was a unique affair in the 25-year history of the college in that a member of the Armenian Apostolic Church had initiated and organized this kind of fund raising event for the benefit of the college. The response of the participants was very generous and close to \$5,000 was raised that evening — a good prelude to the Fund Raising Banquet of the College for the Detroit Community, which will be held on Saturday, October 18, 1980.

# JOINT AID PROGRAM COMPLETED

The Armenian Joint Committee for the AID Program to Lebanon has announced the successful completion of the first major phase of the united relief and rehabilitation project carried out under a \$500,000 grant made in 1978-79 by the U.S. Agency for International Development (AID). The grant, awarded to the Joint Armenian Committee made up of representatives of the Armenian General Benevolent Union of America (AGBUA), the Fiscal Agent; the Armenian Missionary Association of America (AMAA); and the Armenian Relief Society (ARS); was acquired with the cooperation of the Armenian Assembly in Washington, D.C., and its former Director, Dr. Dennis Papazian.

The Program, which was carried out with the aid of a local representative Lebanese Administrative Committee (LAC), consisted of contributions by AID for a Fund for Economic Development (FED) of \$320,000, an Orphans' and Widows' Program of \$140,000 and for administrative expenses in Lebanon and the United States of \$40,000. The cooperating Armenian charitable organizations contributed substantial sums which brought the total program into the one million dollar range.

The successful FED portion was a revolving small business loan fund designed to help individuals and families financially injured in the fighting in Lebanon to become self-supporting once more. Repayment of loans is running at an unprecedented 97% return rate on time and in full, with the reasonable expectation that the remaining 3% will be collected as the business ventures become more successful. AID officials have pointed to the FED program as an exemplary prototype which should be emulated by other AID projects in Lebanon and throughout the world.

The OWP portion was spent to (1) aid young orphans and youngsters who have lost the family bread-winner to pay their school tuition payments (\$30,000), (2) pay for the medical in-

## AMAA MEANS REACHING OUT

This year the AMAA designated March as "AMAA Month". Rev. Dr. Giragos Chopourian gave much thought as to how to make this pre-Easter month more meaningful. He elaborated upon the five important aspects and aims of the AMAA, namely,

help preach the gospel

help educate

help the unfortunate

help needs in the United States

have a worldwide missionary outreach

Easter and the Resurrection represent the fulfillment of God's promise, the supreme sacrifice of the death and resurrection of His Son for the salvation of human souls. Believing in this makes us children of God and disciples of Jesus. That being so we must carry

surance program of those impoverished by the fighting (\$18,000), (3) provide supplementary graduated rent assistance to the poor to pay their rent (\$46,000), and (4) help the very poor to buy food for their daily need (\$46,000).

The loan refund money will be reused for the OWP or such other programs that meet AID standards.

The Joint Committee has submitted another request for an AID grant for the US Government fiscal years 1980 and 1981. AMAA Board member Set Momjian, after his discussions with the Ambassador to Lebanon during his six days in Beirut, has assured us a \$300,000 grant will go towards the reconstruction and updating of the campus of the Home for the Armenian Aged in Beirut, another \$500,000 as a repeat of the first phase grant with prospects of more for a total of \$2.1 million!



Back row, left to right Lucy Shooshanian, Rose Koundakjian and Betty Boole; and front, l. to r., Dr. Edward Karian, Ephronia Yaghshizian, Ronald Hagopian. Missing is Nora Soderquist.

out His last words and testament, which is "to go out into the world and preach the gospel."

At the Armenian Memorial Church in Watertown, Massachusetts, each Sunday during March, a member of the Christian Missions Committee, as well as the minister, gave a short spiritual talk on one aspect of the above-mentioned topics elaborated by Dr. Chopourian. In addition to highlighting the scope and the work of AMAA, we undertook a membership drive each Sunday, adding 15 new members.

To make the AMAA effective for the needs of our community in the diaspora as well as in the United States we should encourage and cultivate interest for it to grow and bear fruit, so that we can reach as many needs as we can. This service in itself is a gratifying reward.

Quite often I find that thinking and praying merge. In effect both are communications. The first being a communication with ourselves, and the second carrying that communication to our Lord. Analogous to this, we may say, is the merging of energy and material to become a source of power

— much like an electromagnetic wave, or an electron, which though a minute particle, is a very active substance, and as such, when multiplied and working in harmony, forms a mighty moving factor in our universe.

This is the core of Jesus' teachings, that is, that one should be a moving force for the good of all human beings. Did he not say, as we read in Matthew 25:40, "for as you did it to one of the least of these my brethren you did it to me?"

AMAA is the vehicle to prompt us into action to share the blessings we enjoy.

## INVEST IN A LIFE: BECOME A CHILD EDUCATION SPONSOR

### 1. WHAT IS THE CHILD EDUCATION SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM?

Essentially, it is a partial tuition aid to provide primary and secondary education in the Middle East to underprivileged children who otherwise would be deprived of it. Schools participating must accept the students in our Program free if parents are unable to share in the cost of tuition.

### 2. THROUGH WHOM DOES IT OPERATE?

It operates through THE ARMENIAN MISSIONARY ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA, INC. (AMAA), a non-profit, nonsectarian and non-political charitable organization, established in the United States in 1918, and incorporated in the State of New York in 1920. The AMAA aids children in 18 schools in the Middle East: 1 in Greece, 8 in Syria, 9 in Lebanon (one being a boarding school) and the Istanbul Youth Home in Turkey. It also supports the Haigazian College in Beirut. Currently 1,100 underprivileged children are the beneficiaries of this program. Since the inception of this program in 1950, the total number of children sponsored has reached well over the 13,000 mark.

### 3. HOW DOES THE PROGRAM OPERATE?

Through promotions, appeals, and other media, the AMAA finds contributing sponsors. Each sponsor is provided with a picture of and a letter from his spesee together with pertinent information. In countries where there are government restrictions, letters or pictures may have to be excluded.

### 4. WHO CAN BE A SPONSOR?

A sponsor can be an individual, a group of individuals, a church, a service club or an organization. In other words, a sponsorship may be shared by one or more individuals, even children.

### 5. WHAT ARE SOME OF THE DISTINCTIVE FEATURES OF THIS PROGRAM?

- The help given in the form of education is an opportunity and not charity.
- This program promotes international goodwill.

Fill in the coupon below and mail it to: ARMENIAN MISSIONARY ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA, INC., 140 Forest Avenue, Paramus, N.J. 07652. (The A.M.A.A., founded in 1918, has been in the forefront of service for 62 years. Contributions are tax deductible).

I wish to sponsor the tuition of a:

- boy    girl in  
 Elementary School at \$75 a year  
 High School at \$100 a year  
 Istanbul Youth Home \$300 a year  
 Enclosed is my payment  
 Please bill me  
 Please send more information

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_

- c. The AMAA provides more than it receives per child when all administrative costs are cost-accounted. It's a deficit program undertaken because of its value to youth.

### 6. WHAT KINDS OF SCHOOLS DO THE SPONSORED CHILDREN ATTEND?

Chiefly Armenian Evangelical schools in Greece, Turkey, Syria, and Lebanon, where the ratio in the schools is 85% Armenian Apostolic, 14% Armenian Protestant, and 1% other. All these schools teach Armenian, Arabic or the language of the country of residence, English and the Bible to make education "Christian Power."

### 7. HOW ARE SPONSORED CHILDREN SELECTED?

The selection of the children who need aid is made by the school boards overseas. Children who receive tuition aid are selected on the basis of their need with no discrimination as to their race, nationality or religious affiliation.

### 8. WHAT HAPPENS TO THE CHILD WHOSE SPONSOR WISHES TO STOP CONTRIBUTING?

The AMAA assigns another sponsor for the child if it is able to find one. A sponsor is liable for the fee for the year of sponsorship as well as the subsequent year. Cancellation in June, July or August relieves the sponsor of financial responsibility for the academic year beginning in September.

### 9. WHAT HAPPENS WHEN THE CHILD DROPS OUT OF SCHOOL FOR ANY REASON?

The child is automatically replaced by another deserving child and the sponsor is informed of the change in sponsorship. Sponsors must accept such replacements as children leave school for many reasons — immigration, change of quarter, employment to support needs of the family, etc.

### 10. MAY A SPONSOR SEND SPECIAL GIFTS ON SUCH OCCASIONS AS CHRISTMAS, EASTER OR GRADUATION?

Yes, but we discourage such gifts since not all sponsors send gifts and injustice is felt by those who do not receive. In view of difficulties herein may be used for this purpose.

in shipment and delivery, the AMAA recommends that such gifts be monetary, and that they be sent through the AMAA. We leave the choice to you with our recommendation leaning more heavily to "no gift."

### 11. MAY A SPONSOR CORRESPOND WITH HIS CHILD?

Yes, but we ask the sponsors to approach this practice with care. Many times, the child may request more aid from his sponsor, and this is not in keeping with the aim of our program. There are difficulties at times for mail to get through; however, any correspondence should be done through the AMAA office for your protection as well as ours.

### 12. IS THIS A CONTINUING PROGRAM?

Yes, the AMAA assumes that an individual or group sponsoring the education of one or more children will carry them until graduation. However, it is understood that a sponsor may discontinue by writing to the AMAA subject to conditions stated under item 8.

### 13. ARE THERE OPPORTUNITIES FOR GRADUATES TO OBTAIN HIGHER EDUCATION?

Yes, Haigazian College, a university college in Beirut, provides opportunity for undergraduate degrees, B.A., B.Sc., and B.B.A. Students attending Haigazian College come from 20 nationalities.

### 14. HOW MUCH DOES IT COST TO SPONSOR A CHILD?

Flat Yearly Rate — with the parents and participating schools sharing the total cost of tuition:

Kindergarten thru Elementary	\$ 75.00
High School	100.00
Orphanage, with board	300.00
Haigazian College	1,600.00

### 15. WHERE SHOULD THE CONTRIBUTIONS BE SENT?

Contributing sponsors may make their tax exempt checks payable to the ARMENIAN MISSIONARY ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA, INC. (or AMAA, Inc.) and mark them "For Child Education." The application form provided herein may be used for this purpose.

Trusting in God, and for His sake, I would like to participate in the "salvaging" of Armenian children in the Interior of Turkey, as follows (check one square):

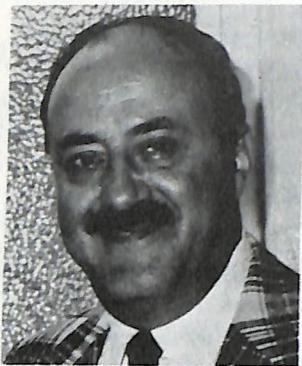
- Sponsor a child for one year at \$300 for the year.  
 Sponsor 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 (circle number desired) children on a continuing basis at \$300 a year each.  
 Sponsor the project with a contribution of \$\_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks payable to the Armenian Missionary Association of America for tax exemption, and mail to:  
 AMAA, 140 Forest Avenue, Paramus, N.J. 07652

## A.M.A.A. GRANTS OF OVER \$95,000 TOP PREVIOUS SCHOLARSHIP PROVISIONS



In a yet unprecedented scholarship and loan provision, the AMAA surpassed its scholarship grants of the past years. The total amount of awards in the form of scholarship grants or loans rose above \$95,000 as against \$74,000 of last year and \$65,000 of the previous year. Out of this total, 129 applicants who qualified by fully meeting the requirements received scholarship grants totaling 71,350 and \$23,800 in interest-free loans. Included in the scholarship grants and loans so far is \$6,500 for five persons whose schooling is religious or theological. In addition to the provision of scholarships in the United States, the AMAA has a Child Education Sponsorship Program overseas for which it will provide in the coming fiscal \$140,000. The program of Child Education Sponsorship has been going on for the past 32 years and support for Haigazian College for the past 25 years. Haigazian College students in Beirut receive \$24,000 in scholarships from the Stephen Philibosian Foundation, an affiliate of the AMAA, in addition to the more than \$100,000 annual support by the Haigazian College Trustees, \$25,000 of which is specifically assigned for scholarships to deserving Armenian students. The Sarkis Bogosian Fund alone provides about \$9,000 of those scholarships.

The total provisions for educational purposes, inclusive of scholarship provisions, surpass the \$350,000 mark. As a service organization interested in life development, the Association is internally fully assured that this large amount of provision for education will have its salutary effects on the Armenian nation for it is from the fruits of these efforts that leadership will be made available to the Armenian people in the Diaspora whether it be in the United States or overseas in the Middle East.

Recipients from the various funds in trust of the Armenian Missionary Association of America are summarized in the following table:

**STEPHEN PHILIBOSIAN ENDOWMENT FUND:** Vahe Aghamalian, Veruir Aghamalian, Roupen Agopian, Christine Anslian, George Apelian, Narcis Aroyan, Thomas Avazian, Arpie Balekjian, Boghos Bardakjian, Arno Bartevyan, Susan Bezjian, Leon Beyukian, Paul Boghosian, Varoujan Dadourian, Ani Darakjian, Houry Darakjian, Hrair Darakjian, Maral Demirjian, Vasken Demirjian, Ronald Dergigorian, Vasken Dilsizian, Rosalie Geozian, Janet Hambarsoumian, Krikor Jamgotchian, Eugenia Kalleian, Johnni Kaloshian, Jirair Karayan, Shant Karayan, Avedis Kechichian, Ara Kendirjian, Markarid Kilavuz, Alina Kochournian-Stanciu, Nisan Lacinoglu, Vazken Magar, Aram Manoukian, Hrag Margarian, Cynthia Matossian, Harry Matossian, Levon Matossian,

Armen Minasian, Nerses Minassian, Stepan Nalbandian, Sarkis Narkizian, Ara Poladian, Albert Sadakian, Raffi Sahelian, Vahram Salibian, Robert Saroukhianoff, Luther Sevajian, Albert Shahinian, Varaz Shahmirian, Vrej Taslakian, Hovig Tavitian, Ohannes Telfezian, Khosrov Tembekjian, Krikor Terzian, Khachik Timourian, Ann Tootikian, Steve Wallis, Berge Wassilian.

### SAMUEL & ELIZABETH HEKEMIAN FAMILY TRUST:

Diane Ajamian, Laurie Apelian, Jean-marie Atamian, Alex Bejian, Florence Bejian, Leon Boghossian, Stephen Boghosian, Robert Bogossian, Denise Darmanian, Deborah Devedjian, Christine Dimidgian, Charles Garabedian Jr., Charles Garabedian, Teresa Gelenian, Marie Getzin, Rebecca Hakimian, Kevin Kalajian, Robert Kalajian, Gregory Kalemkerian, Ann Karoghlanian, Elizabeth Kasabian, Nancy Kassouni, David Kerrigan, James Kouzoukian, Matthew Mc Kinnon, Audrey Nahabedian, Steven Sahagian, David Seropian, Grace Shiragian, Adrienne Zarzatian.

**STEPHEN PHILIBOSIAN FOUNDATION:** Simon Arargil, Vahan Arargil, Gregg Casey, Paul Doghramji, Vartan Ilanjian, Arpie Keshishian, Michael Khanjian, Nicole Philibosian.

**JEDIDIAN EDUCATIONAL FUND:** Cynthia Gaidzakian, Harout Koujayan, Christine Manoukian, Linda Lee Mekhitarian, Albert Shahinian, Ann Tootikian.

**SARRA & ALTOON SAPRICHIAN ENDOWMENT FUND:** Arus Andreassian, Zepure Karjian, Frieda Sarkissian.

**TELFNEYAN EVANGELICAL FUND:** John Darpinian, Michael Dokouzian, Karen Kassouni, Cynthia Matossian, Harry Matossian, Gwyn Roberts.

**DR. JACOB HEKIMIAN MEDICAL LOAN FUND:** Gregory Ajemian, Diana Artenian, Donald Astorian, Vasken Dilosizian.

**HRAG SALIBIAN LOAN FUND:** Toros Babikian.

**DIRAN CHILIAN:** Khachik Timourian.

**JOHN KAZANJIAN TRUST FUND:** Misak Balian, Houry Darakjian, George Koehnke, Ardaches Momdjian, James Sarkisian, Varaz Shahmirian.

**DR. JAMES MOURADIAN MEDICAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND:** Gregory Ajemian, Diana Artenian, Donald Astorian, Ani Darakjian, Hrair Darakjian, Anita Darmanian.

**THEOLOGICAL FUNDS:** The income from the following funds provides \$6,500 for Daniel Albarian, Laurence Bakalian, Ara Guekguezian, Calvin Sagherian and Ronald Tovmassian, all theological students and leaves a balance of \$1,338 for other applicants from overseas; **Harry & Catherine Apelian, Eugene Clemence Memorial Fund, Dohanian Family Fund, Rev. & Mrs. S.K. Emurian, Arsen Gulian, Iskiyan Theological Scholarship Fund, Karekin Kaboutian, Avedis & Parantzem Kezlarian, Lootfi Levonian Fund, M. H. Muradian, John & Halganoosh Sharabjian, Ezras & Nellie Tellalian.**

John G. Keuhnelian, M.D., is the Chairman of the Scholarship Committee of the Association, who gives an enormous amount of his very valuable time to the study of the record of

## A.M.A.A. APPOINTS MR. MOSES B. JANBAZIAN AS FIELD DIRECTOR

Mr. Moses Janbazian, appointed to the newly created post of Field Director of the AMAA, arrived in the United States on August 18, 1980 with his wife Louisa and their 15-month old son Vahagn. He will commence his duties with the Association no later than September 1, 1980. Mr. Janbazian comes to us from Sao Paulo, Brazil where he was the Pastor of the Armenian Evangelical Central Church for seven years having gone there from his native Anjar, Lebanon.

Mr. Janbazian's appointment to the position of Field Director was recommended to the Board of Directors by the Personnel Committee Chairman of the Association, Mr. Edward Janjigian, and members Messrs. George Philibosian and Nazar Daghlian. The Committee had been screening candidates for this position for a number of years and their choice was made out of a recommended list of over twenty qualified individuals.

Mr. Janbazian's duties will involve work with the churches in the United States and Canada in the area of the Sunday schools, youth groups and existing chapters of the AMAA in various parts of the United States. His work

the applicants. He is supported by a distinguished group of leaders including Karl Avakian, Vahram Aynilian, George Bezirganian, Archie Cherkezian, William Cherkezian, Robert Hekemian, Mrs. Ann Krikorian, Ara Manougian, Kevork Paravazian, Alan Philibosian, Miss Ruth Philibosian, Vartan Sahagian and Sarkis A. Telfeyan with ex officio members, Samuel Hekemian, President and G.H. Chopourian, Executive Director of the AMAA.

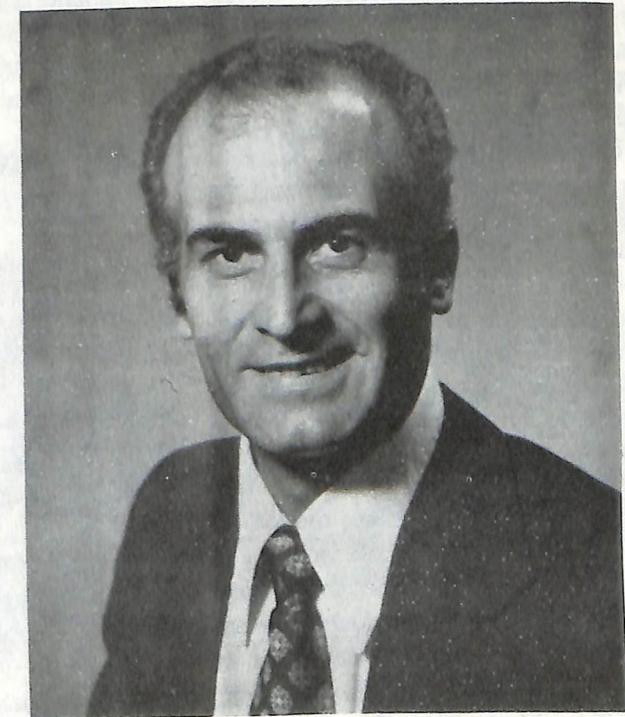
Applications are considered once a year at the end of June and the deadline for applications has been set, until further notice for change, for June 15 of each year. Applicants would be wasting their time if they do not follow every item in the application form for the Committee will not consider incomplete applications and applicants always must provide a stamped self-addressed return envelope if they are to receive expeditious treatment. No applications will be considered if received by the AMAA office beyond the deadline date.

We are thankful to God that the stature of the AMAA is growing as a result of the effective service it is rendering almost beyond its capacity - a service rendered with the hope that what was said of Jesus will be applicable to each life trained, "And Jesus grew up, both in body and wisdom, gaining favor with God and men." (Luke 2:52, NEB)

Evangelical Churches in the Near East, in Kchag, Lebanon. He also has had experience as a social worker. He acted as Director of the Armenian Social Center of Trad, Lebanon from 1971-1972; in 1971 he did research work on the section on "The Armenian Charitable Organizations in Lebanon" of the publication entitled, "A Survey of the Armenians in Lebanon." This was a publication by the Social Action Committee of the Union of the Armenian Evangelical Churches of the Near East. His literary capacities were put to work for two years to the establishing and editing of "The Nidus," the student publication of the Near East School of Theology, Beirut.

Mr. Janbazian comes to us, therefore, as an accomplished intellectual, social worker and minister, particularly after a successful ministry in the Sao Paulo Church where he organized youth groups and carried on community activities simultaneously with all his church duties. We need to add to his record his fluent use of seven languages.

With the type of productive achievements Moses Janbazian has displayed, the Board of Directors of the AMAA heartily welcome him to its midst and look forward to his successful endeavors on behalf of the AMAA and to the glory of God.



# THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORTS

Here are some notes from my daily rounds – from readings, correspondence, meetings and visitations.

## TELFNEYAN EVANGELICAL FUND MAKES ANOTHER ONE OF ITS ANNUAL CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE AMAA

The Trustees of the Telfeyan Evangelical Fund, Mrs. Elida Nerso Telfeyan, Secretary, has forwarded a check for \$6,500 to the AMAA to provide:

- \$4,000 for scholarships to students who have applied to the Scholarship Committee.
- \$500 for the Ministers' & Ministers' Widows' Pension Endowment Fund.
- \$500 for the Istanbul Youth Home work.
- \$1,250 for assistance to the elderly.
- \$250 for AMAA's operating expenses.

The Board joins the Executive Director in extending deep gratitude for the Telfeyan Fund's annual generous contributions.

## LUCY SOURENIAN ESTATE PROVIDES \$65,468.88

Mrs. Lucy Sourenian, deceased, has bequeathed the substantial sum of \$65,468.88 to the Armenian Missionary Association of America with income assigned for educational purposes at Haigazian College. We are confident her brothers Leon and Van-Besh (Beshgeturian) are proud of their sister's benevolent arrangements for the benefit of Armenian youth. We extend sincere condolences to the brothers and the immediate kin.

## FRIENDS' OF ARMENIA MISSION (1881-1980)

Friends' of Armenia Mission, a Quaker service founded in 1881 to meet the spiritual, physical and mental needs of Armenians, have written to me of their decision to transfer funds they have in their possession to the AMAA to establish an Endowment Fund subject to the annual income being used for evangelically oriented work among Armenians.

The Mission, under Miss Ann Mary Burgess, began in Turkey, moved on to Corfu, Greece after the vacating of Turkish Armenia, and then to Lebanon where they provided valuable service to Armenians with the assistance of people such as Dr. Puzant Krikorian, Dr. Peter Manouelian, Mr. Augustine Badeer and others.

We are not informed as to the amount of this fund but in whatever amount, we are most grateful to these friends for trusting us with the funds.

## THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR DISCOVERS A CLASSMATE AFTER 49 YEARS

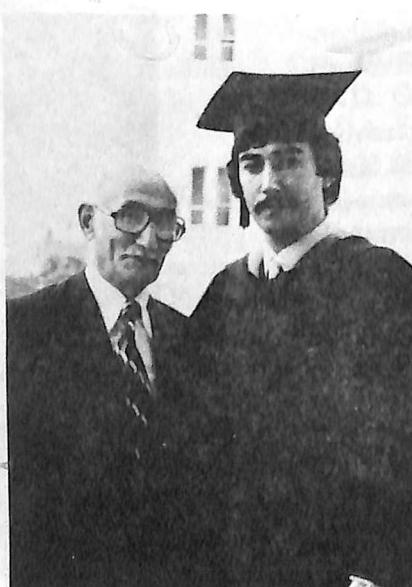
Edward G. Bashian (Yervant Gogbashian formerly), my classmate at the American Academy, Larnaca, was discovered coincidentally recently on the pleasant occasion of the wedding of Betty Aynilian and John Cherkezian. Ed was tendered a testimonial by his church making all of us very hap-



Edward Bashian

## NEAR EAST SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY GRADUATE

The AMAA delegation of Beirut happily witnessed the graduation of Vartan S. Khatchigian who has already been called to serve in the Armenian Evangelical Church of Aleppo, Syria.



Proud Father Samuel Khatchigian and Son Vartan

## AMAA FUNDERS VISITED

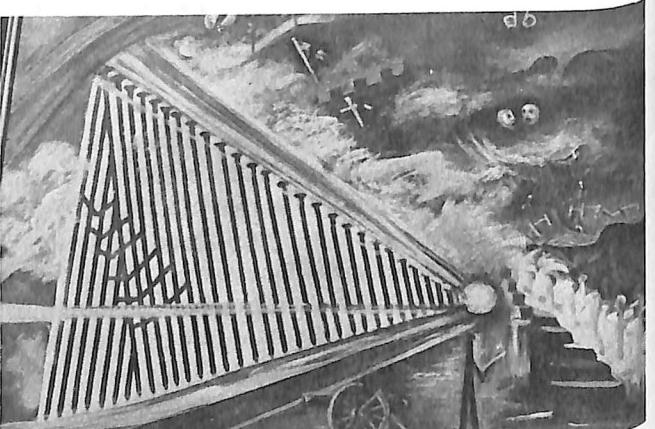
I spent the night of June 29 at the Avedian home in Fresno who have an upper room reserved for me. I spent a couple of pleasant hours with Mr. & Mrs. M.H. Aram (Zipper) who were recently honored by the Fresno AGBU Chapter.



Arnie and Nectar Avedian



The Zippers and Aram's Painting Depicting the Final Destruction of Evil and the Coming of a Peaceful World Community.



## LETTERS RECEIVED

The Executive Director has had numerous phone calls, direct person-to-person conversations and letters on the editorial in the April issue of the NEWS, "Lord, Heal My People's Wounds."

Mrs. Esther S. Hurley of Goleta, California, who after writing the following words also visited our offices said:

"God grant that your incisive words may succeed in touching many hearts, thereby changing unrelenting hatred into a free-flowing forgiveness – a miracle which can only be wrought by the love of God shed abroad in our hearts, if we are the Christians that we say we are; if the word of God and the teachings of Christ, our Savior, means anything at all."

Mr. Harold A. Fisher, former member of the Board of Directors and legal advisor to the AMAA Board on many occasions writes:

"In all our struggles, hopes, wishes and activities, I have come to have a special confidence in, and admiration for the AMAA and the work it has done and continues to do for the relief and advancement of our Nation wherever they may reside. As a token of my gratitude to the AMAA, I am enclosing a check . . . My contribution is but a drop, but I hope to keep on with these donations in recognition of the truly Christian work done by the AMAA."

## NEW BOOKS RECEIVED

*The Armenian Community in Romania (Armenian)*

By Hovhannes Kalpakian  
St. James Armenian Monastery, Jerusalem, 1979, pp. 314, \$12.00

*In Quest of Justice and Peace in the Middle East*

By Hagop A. Chakmakjian, Th.D.  
Vantage Press, Inc., New York, N.Y., 1980, pp. 157, \$8.95

*Armenia Observed*  
Edited by Ara Baliozian  
Ararat Press, AGBU, New York, N.Y., 1979, pp. 225, \$10.95

*Reflections of an Armenian*  
By Vahan H. Tootikian  
The Armenian Heritage Committee, Detroit, Mich., 1980

*The Joy of Service*  
By Elspeth McClure Clarke and Court Carroll Walters  
National Board of the YWCA, New York, 1979, pp. 316, \$5.95

*Cattle on a Thousand Hills* (Trans. from English to Armenian)  
By Paul and Mona Johnian  
Johnian Ministries, Auburn, Ala., 1980, pp. 77

*New Testament and the Book of Psalms (Armenian)*  
Publication of the American Bible Society, Beirut, Leb., 1980. Order from the offices of the AMAA.

## FREE VACATIONS AND FREE PHONE CALLS

Numerous vacation exchange clubs publish directories listing vacationers who wish to swap homes.

There are more than 3,000 enterprises which list their toll-free 800 numbers. A paperback *Dial Free: Dial 800 (\$3.49)* could save you a lot more.

If interested drop us a line and we'll post addresses of house swapping agencies or the publishers of *Dial Free*.

## AMAA'S THANKS TO THE EDITORS AND PUBLISHERS OF CHANASSER

Chanasser has dedicated a special issue to the AMAA in which in addition to articles by the editors, the messages of the President of the Association, Mr. Sam Hekemian, and the Executive Director, Dr. G.H. Chopourian, appear prominently. Also included is material on Haigazian College.

## THANKS TO VATCHE AND ELBIS BAGHDIKIAN

For taking charge of the July Fourth Picnic and making a great success of it. Haigazian College will benefit from the profit of about \$700. Thanks also to the score of helpers, specially to the H.C. Alumni.

## DR. AND MRS. CHOPOURIAN'S SINCERE THANKS

Mrs. Chopourian and I wish to extend our very sincere thanks to many friends and colleagues who have written, telephoned or personally conversed about their happiness over two events in their life lately, namely, the Testimonial extended to Dr. Chopourian on April 13, 1980 and the Honorary Degree of Divinity bestowed upon Dr. Chopourian by the President and Managers of Haigazian College in Beirut during his visit to Lebanon in June. His involvements have not allowed him so far to write personal acknowledgments. Please be forgiving.

## CONGRATULATIONS TO MESSRS. MOSES H. NAHIGIAN AND NAZARETH GECHIJIAN



Mr. Nahigian on the Celebration of His 90th Birthday on August 3, 1980.



Mr. Gechijian for Being Elected Belmont Church's Father of the Year.

## THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORTS

### THRU THE BIBLE RADIO

Mr. James E. Attarian, President of JAYSON REALTY CO., Board member of THRU THE BIBLE RADIO and a benefactor member of the AMAA, has brought the work of this Ministry to the attention of the Executive Director of the AMAA. The broadcasts of this radio Ministry now number in excess of 775 programs and currently broadcast in 13 other languages besides English. The method used is to go through the entire Bible in five years on a daily broadcast basis from Monday through Friday. Mr. Attarian writes:

"It is my hope that the Armenian Missionary Association of America will support this endeavor by asking concerned Armenian Christians to help finance this work. Our Christian people in Turkey will never live a normal life unless the Gospel message is heard, believed, and lived by the Turks. In addition, I would also like you to know that I am on the Board of Directors of Thru the Bible Radio and can say that without equivocation it is the finest Christian Bible teaching radio in the world today. God has chosen to bless it magnificently."

Bible Radio now has the opportunity of having their broadcast aired to Turkey in Turkish from Monte Carlo

**God does not comfort us to make us comfortable, but to make us comforters.**

### The Inspirational Corner

#### SALUTATION TO THE DAWN

Look to this day!  
For it is life, the very life of life.  
In its brief course  
Lie all the verities and realities of your existence:  
The bliss of growth  
The glory of action  
The splendor of beauty,

For yesterday is but a dream  
And tomorrow is only a vision,  
But today well-lived makes every yesterday a dream of  
happiness  
And every tomorrow is a vision of hope.  
Look well, therefore, to this day!  
Such is the salutation to the dawn.

- KALIDASA

over the stations operated by Trans World Radio. Elliott R. Cole, Associate Director, wrote to the AMAA at the request of Mr. Attarian, saying:

"We hope to have our broadcast in Turkish prepared and ready for airing by the fall of this year, and Mr. Attarian felt that it would be wise to make this known to you. You undoubtedly realize more than any other, how few Christians there are actually in Turkey and how little Gospel is allowed to go into the area. Frankly, radio is the only means by which this can be done."

This radio broadcast program is planned and taught by J. Vernon McGee, a Th.D. from Dallas Theological Seminary, and is having phenomenal reception. Dr. McGee's rich background as a pastor, teacher, lecturer and author makes him an effective and highly popular Bible instructor.

If there are those among our readers (and this editor hopes there will be many so interested) who would like to pray for and support the Bible teaching broadcasts to Turkey the AMAA office would like to hear from them. This is a good opportunity to achieve access to the ears and hearts of Turkish citizens which has not been possible through preaching by physical presence.

#### HAVE YOU REMEMBERED THE CAMBODIAN REFUGEES?

Have you contributed your share for the refugees of Cambodia?

There are anywhere from 8 to 12 million refugees in the world, 2.5 million in Cambodia alone. The urgency in Cambodia led us to direct our assistance to the suffering Cambodian refugees. To date we

One wonders how Armenians could be that complacent or unconcerned! We do realize that some of you have given through community groups, but please enable us to go to the United Nations with a check for \$10,000.00 to show Armenian compassion for others. Remember how other people helped us in our hour of need? Please rush your gift.

Editor, AMAA NEWS

have received only \$2,157.50 from 11 sources, \$2,065.00 (or 95%) of which are donated by the following six:	
Immanuel Armenian Cong'l Church of Downey (Sunday offering)	\$1,115.00
Mrs. Flora Sarkissian	500.00
Mrs. Rose de Cervantes	150.00
Miss Grace Tashjian	100.00
Mr. and Mrs. James Rappaport	100.00
Miss Varsenig Kaboolian	100.00

## Հայկարձն բաժին

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### ՀԱՅԿԱԶԵԱՆ ԳՈԼԵՃԻ 25-ԱՄԵԱԿԻՆ ԱՌԹԻՒ

Միացեալ Նահանգներէն երկուստանեակ մը ներկայացուցիչներ Պէլլութ եկան այս ամէխ, Յունիս 15-25 օրերուն, ներկայ գտնուելու Հայկազեան Գոլէճի հիմնադրութեան 25-ամեակի տօնակատարութեանց : Անսնք կը ներկայացնէին երեք կարեւոր մարմիններ :

Հայ Աւետարանչական Բնիկերակցութեան կողմէ եկած էին — Տիկ. և Տիկ. Կիրակոս Չռփուրեան, Տիկ. Փիթլը Տօղրամէի, Տիար Անդ Մոմաննեան և Տիար Նազար Տաղեան :

Հայկազեան Գոլէճի Խնամակալութեան կողմէ եկած էին Տոքի և Տիկ. Սերգո Թիւքեան, Տէր Փիլիպպոսիան Հաստատութեան կողմէ եկած էին Տէր և Տիկ. ՃողէՓ Շթայն (Փիլիպպոսիան) և Տիար Բիշըրու Այճեան :

Անկախ այս երեք հաստատութիւններէն, եկած էին նաև Վեր . և Տիկ. Կարապետ Թիւքեան և Վեր . Տիարան Մինասեան :

Ամերիկայի այս պաշտօնական պատուիրակներուն միացան՝ Սուրբոյ և Լիբանանի Հայ Աւետարան . Միութեան կողմէ — Վեր . Յովհաննէս Գարենան, Վեր . Յակոբ Սաղմեան, Վեր . Արտամազեան, Վեր . Պարուս Արարական, Վեր . Մարգարիտան, Տիար Արամ Սարգիսեան և Վեր . Մանասէ Շնորհօքեան :

Իսկ Հայկազեան Գոլէճի Պէլլութի Խնամակալութեան նոյն խումբին միացան Տիկ. Ճան Մարտիրոսեան, Տիկ. Մէկի Մաթոսեան և Տիար Հրամը Մուրատեան :

Միացեալ այս խումբը ներկայ եղաւ Հայկազեան Գոլէճի 25-ամեակի երեք հանդիսաւոր Համբարձութիւններուն :

Նոյն ատեն անսնք տուին կարդ մը պաշտօնական այցելութիւններ : Մասնաւոր կարգադրութեամբ այցելցին Մէծի Տանն Կիլիկիոյ Կաթողիկոսարանը, Հայ Կաթ. Պատրիարքարանը և Արք Էլեարանական Սինոդը : Երեք մարմիններուն հետ այ ունեցան սիրալիք և մտերմիկ խորհրդական ցութիւններ :

Այցելցին կրթական լարձը հաստատութիւնները :

Նաեւ աշխատեցան մօտէն ծանօթանալ մէր եկեղեցական և կրթական կործին ծառալիքն աւագան պահանակ եւ Արքական եղան :

Միասնարար բազմաթիւ ժողովներ սարքեցին, տեսակցութիւններ ունեցան, ճակերոյթներու մէր օրեր եղան :

Այժմ ճամբան շատ աելի հարթուած է ապակայ զործակցութեանց և միացեալ զործունէութեանց համար :

Վերապատուելի Կիւրէքեան Այցելութիւնը Առ Երեւան

Վերապատուելի Յակոբ Կիւրէքեան իր տիկ-նոջ հետ Երեւան այցելութենէն վերջ կը գտէ . Զի Կիրակին Նարդոս փողոցի վրայ Հայ Հոկտ. 2ի Կիրակին Նարդոս փողոցի վրայ Հայ Աւետարան Եկեղեցին գացինք : Տեղ-Աւետարան Եկեղեցին գացինք : Պուկան էքմէքճեան զիս հրա-ւոյն հովիւը Պատու . Պուկան էքմէքճեան տամ : Բնաբան վիրեց որ այդ օրուան քարոզը տամ : Բնաբան վիրեց որ այդ օրուան քարոզը տամ : Տիառու մարմար Երեւան, որ մեզ կը խրատէ բոլոր մարդոց Երեւան, որ մեզ կը խրատէ

որ ամբարշտութիւնը ու աշխարհային ցասկութիւնները ուրանանք, եւ զգաստութիւնով ու արդարութիւնով եւ բարեպաշտութիւնով աստ-րինք այս աշխարհին մէջ »: Այդ օր Եկեղեցին լեցուն էր, մանաւանդ Երիտասարդներու մէր տարի առաջ այդքան բազմութիւն տեսած չէի Եկեղեցին մէջ »:

# OBITUARIES

## A. STEPHEN "STEVE" MEHAGIAN January 1, 1895 - July 31, 1980

Steve Mehagian of Hadjin, founding father of the now famed Haigazian College and an equally famed citizen of Phoenix, Arizona entered his eternal rest on Wednesday, July 23, 1980 in his home in Scottsdale, Arizona. The *Arizona Republic* carried a front page memorial picture of Steve, an editorial and an article on him, and the *Phoenix Gazette* an article on Steve's odyssey. Both papers acknowledged that Steve had made his place in the community as a respected citizen and business leader for 51 years.

A memorial service was held for Mr. Mehagian on July 29th at the First Presbyterian Church of Phoenix when Sam Mardian, Jr., the former Mayor of Phoenix, gave a beautiful eulogy. After outlining the Christian and national background out of which Steve had come and reviewing the hostilities, oppression and massacres practiced upon Armenians by the Turks, the eulogist gave ample reasons why after completing high school and graduating from Jenanian College where his future father-in-law, Dr. Armenag Haigazian, was President he came to the United States in 1920 and in 1929 established roots in Phoenix. However, the initial road to the U.S. was thorny. First he had to abandon his medical schooling after three months to return to his family in Hadjin and join the forced walk to Osmaniye, then to Aleppo and on to Damascus with the family of eight still intact. In Damascus, his three months at medical school paid dividends when he treated, on request, a sheik's wife and daughter. In gratitude the sheik had the rest of the family brought to Damascus from where Steve left for the United States. His family returned to Hadjin, following the cessation of World War I. His mother, father and three sisters were killed there. Steve lost interest in his student work at Berkeley as a result, and found a job at Bullock's in Los Angeles. On October 30, 1924 he married the professor's daughter, Mary Haigazian, and ever after made life for Mary a blissful one as she witnesses herself: "I was blessed with 55 years of rich, meaningful wedded bliss." Said the eulogist: "There are many descriptions that could be given to Steve Mehagian:

*He had the patience of a teacher;  
The poise and bearing of a judge;  
The demeanor of a respected public official;  
The self-assurance of a learned professor;  
The compassion of a clergyman;  
And the wisdom of Solomon."*

After a few years in San Francisco where Steve managed the City of Paris Department Store's oriental rug department, Steve took a three-months' leave in 1928 to find out if the dry climate of Phoenix would help his bronchial problems, then stayed there after starting his own business in 1929.

The eulogist continued:  
*"He would be the first to admit that from the start it was a team effort. Mary had her own responsibilities raising two energetic boys and managing the household, but she did her share and more in the business. She gave Steve the backing and support he needed to keep their family enterprise healthy and prosperous. Eventually Arthur and John joined the business, and now grandson Steve is helping to carry on the proud tradition started by his illustrious grandfather."*

"Steve was honored recently for fifty years of faithful and devoted membership in rotary club #100 of Phoenix. He was a fifty year member and elder of the First Presbyterian Church of Phoenix. He was a charter member of the Phoenix Symphony Association; a trustee of the Phoenix Little Theatre and served on the Board of

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Վեր. ՅԱՐՈՒԹԻՒՆ ՀԵԼՎԱՃԵԱՆ  
ԱՍԽԵԱՎԻՆ՝

Հայաստ. Աւետ. Մկրտչական  
Եկեղեցիներու Բարեկամ Մարմնի

Փառք կու տանք մեր Տիրոջ, որ այս տարի  
ալ, Ապրիլ 12-էն Մայիս 6 առաջնորդեց մեղ Հա-  
յաստան Երթալու եւ այցելու Երեւանի Աւետա-  
րանական Մկրտչական Եկեղեցին: Մեր այս այ-  
ցելութեան նպատակն էր Երեւանի Եկեղեցիին շի-  
նութիւնը, Երդարաններու եւ Ս. Գիրքերու հար-  
ցեր, եւ աւետարանչական ժողովներ:

ԵԿԵՂԵՑԻՆ ՇԻՆՈՒԹԵԱՆ ԾՐԱԳԻՐ

Ապրիլ 13-ին, կրօնից նոր նախարարը՝ Պրն.  
Խուբէն Պարսամեան մեղ ընդունեցաւ վեր. Եռու-  
րի Աւանչսեանի հետ, ներկայութեամբ տեղակալ  
Պրն. Անդրանիկ Հասրաթեանի եւ տեսուչ Լազար  
Սուճեանի: Այս տեսակցութիւնը տեղի ունեցաւ  
սրտաց եւ ջերմ մթնոլորտի մը մէջ: Շնորհա-  
ւորելէ ետք նոր նախարարը իր պաշտօնէութեան  
համար, արծարծեցինք Երեւանի մէջ նոր Աւետա-  
րանական Եկեղեցի մը շինելու խնդիրը, քանի որ  
Նար-Դոս փողոցին մէջ գտնուող այժմու շնչքը  
պետական ծրագրի համեմատ պիտի քանդուի:

Յարդելի նախարարը նորովեց տեղակալ Պրն.  
Ա. Հասրաթեանի անցեալ տարի Ապրիլին մեղի ը-  
րած խոստումը եւ շշտեց թէ յիշեալ թաղամա-  
սը պիտի քանդուի, եւ, նկատելով որ մեր ժո-  
ղովուրդը մէծ մասմբ արուարձաններէն կու-  
գայ, ըստ թէ կեղրունէն ոչ շատ հեռու հողամա-  
սը պիտի յատկացուի մեղի, շինելու համար պատ-  
շամ Եկեղեցի մը: Պրն. Ա. Պարսամեան թելադ-  
րեց որ «շինուելիք Եկեղեցին ըլլայ Աւետարանա-  
կան պարզութեան համապատասխան շինութիւն  
մը եւ ոչ թէ ակնրախ խոյակներով տաճար մը»:  
«Աւետարանականները, ըստ յարգելի նախարա-  
րը, Կաթոլիկներէն հեռացան շոայլութիւններուն  
եւ ճոխութիւններուն դէմ բողոքելու համար, հե-  
տեւարար ձեր Եկեղեցին ալ ըլլալու է այդ ողիին  
համապատասխան . . .»:

Անշուշտ նման թելադրութիւն մը հաճոյք  
պատճառեց մեղի: Ըսինք թէ մենք խոյակներով  
տաճար չենք ուզեր, այլ համեստ բայց գեղեցիկ  
ու պատշաճ շնչք մը որ իր ընդարձակութեամբ ալ  
կարենայ գոհացնել մեղ, քանի որ մէկ միլիոն  
բնակիչ ունեցող Երեւանը ունի միայն մէկ Աւե-

«Մատեան Ողբերգութեան»ը, 25,000 տպաքանս-  
կով, արդէն անդամնելի է: Կաթոլիկոսը ուրա-  
խութեամբ յայտնեց թէ մօտերս լոյս պիտի տես-  
նէ նոր Կոտակարանը, Երբորդ անդամ ըլլալով,  
20,000 տպաքանսկով: Մակայն այս քանակն ալ  
շատ քիչ է հոգեւոր ծարաւ ունեցող մեր ժողո-  
վուրդին համար:

Ահա՝ ազօթքի խիստ կարեւոր նիւթ մը բո-  
լոր անոնց համար՝ որ կը հետաքրքրուին հայ ժո-  
ղովորդի հոգեւոր արթնութեամբ:

### ԱԿԵՏԱՐԱՆՉԱԿԱՆ ԺՈՂՈՎՆԵՐ

Մեր այս այցելութեան ընթացքին ունեցանք  
վեց աւետարանչական ժողովներ: Փառքը միշտ  
մեր երկնաւոր Հօր կը պատկանի: Այս ժողովնե-  
րու ատեն տասնեակներով հոգիներ դարձի եկան  
եւ Քրիստոս որպէս իրենց անձնական Փրկիչը  
ընկանեցին: Մեր վերջին ժողովին 12 երիտա-  
սարներ եկան բեմին առջեւ այս քայլը առնելով:  
Մեր ալ մեր կարգին պիտի օժանդակենք ձեղի,  
շինութեան վերաբերեալ ապրանքներ ձեռք բե-  
րելու համար: Ուրեմն զուք կրնաք հանդիսութեան ուղարկութիւնը մէջ է: Այս ամեններուն թիւը կ'աւելնայ: Վեր եուրի  
Աւանչսեան եռանդով կը զործէ, օդտակար ըլլա-  
լով նաեւ տեղական ուսու փոքր համայնքին:

### ԿՐՈՆՔԻ ԱԶԱՏՈՒԹԻՒՆՆԵՐ

Գաղտնիք մը չէ որ կը ունիքի ազատութիւնը  
Հայաստանի եւ բավանդակ Ս. Միութեան մէջ  
կաթողիկոսին, իջմածնի տապարանին մէջ 3000  
հոգեւոր երգարան տպել, տոլարով փոխարժէքը  
վճարելու խոստումով: Հայրապետը համաձայ-  
նութիւնը յայտնած էր եւ թելազրած էր դիմել  
կրօնից Նախարարութեան, արտօնութիւն ստա-  
նալու համար: Այս տեսակցութեան ընթացքին  
մեր առաջարկը բերինք Պրն. Ա. Պարսամեանին  
որ պատճառաբանեց թէ մեր ժողովուրդին թիւը  
բարական չէ երգարան տպելը արդարացնելու հա-  
մար եւ խոստացաւ 100 երգարաններու առաջ-  
մու արտասահմանէն, իր միջոցաւ:

### ՀԱՅԱՍՏԱՆԻ ԵԿԵՂԵՑԻՆԵՐԸ

Երեւանի մէջ կը զործէ միայն մէկ Աւետա-  
րանական Մկրտչական Եկեղեցի: Ունի 427 ան-  
դամ:

Լենինականի Եկեղեցին ունի 63 անդամ:  
Աւետարանչական դաշտեր են Ստեփանոսին  
քաղաքը, Մարմաշէլ, Ուսութ եւ այլ գեղեցիր:  
Մեր երեք հովիներն ալ կ'այցելն այս զիւ-  
ղերը կանոնաւորաբար: 21 այր անդամ ունեցող  
համայնք մը կրնայ դիմում կատարել պետու-  
համայնք որինայ գեղեցի կոչուելու համար եւ  
կրնայ ժողովատեղի ունենալ:

Թիֆլիսի Վեր. Յարութիւնեանի որդին այժմ  
կուսանի Մոսկովյայի Մկրտչական Ճեմարանը,  
հոգեւոր զործին պատրաստուելու համար:  
Հոգեւոր արթնութիւն կայ Երիտասարդներուն  
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Directors of the Salvation Army, Goodwill Industries and the Y.M.C.A. of Phoenix and Valley of the Sun.

"He was selected as Citizen of the Year in 1967 by the Phoenix Real Estate Board; was founder of Mehagian's Furniture Galleries and Chairman of the Board for the past seventeen years; and founder of Haigazian College in Beirut and Honorary Chairman of the Board of Trustees.

"He was a lifetime member and supporter of the Armenian Missionary Association of America (AMAA), the sponsoring body of Haigazian College, and a founding member of the Phoenix Chapter of the Armenian General Benevolent Union of America (AGBU).

"There is no doubt that next to his wife and family and church, the driving force of his life was Haigazian College. The objective of Haigazian College is to educate young men and women for the ministry, for teaching positions in Armenian schools and churches, and for leadership positions in public service and business administration. In fulfilling these objectives, Haigazian College has a unique standing among institutions of higher learning in the Middle East.

"If he was striving during his lifetime to leave this world a better place when he passed on – he succeeded. He believed in his religion, he risked his life for his religious beliefs and he lived those religious beliefs. We who knew him and loved him had the rare privilege of sharing a useful, productive, loving and compassionate life of service to others.

"The legacy of the life of Avak Stephen Mehagian belongs to his friends, his family certainly, his beloved Phoenix community. But most of all to the many hundreds of young Armenian youth who have already benefited from the education received at Haigazian College and the countless thousands yet to come. Well said the editor of the Arizona Republic in the concluding paragraph of his editorial on Steve:

"His life in many ways symbolizes the cross-fertilization and national ties that has helped to give Arizona its unique flavor of the old and the new, the primitive and the sophisticated, the developed and the evolving."

"His life reminds us of prophet Micah's words: 'And what doth the Lord require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy and to walk humbly with thy God.'

"These words written over two thousand years ago describe more eloquently than any words of mine, a life dedicated to Christian love for he lived justly, loved mercy and walked humbly with his God."

#### THE REV. MESROB S. PARAVAZIAN

The Church Session of the Armenian Evangelical Congregational Church of Sophia announced the death of their long-time beloved Pastor, the Rev. Mesrob S. Paravazian on April 14, 1980.

Funeral services were held at the Catholic chapel in the central cemetery of Sophia on April 15, at 4 o'clock, with the pastor of the Bulgar Evangelical Congregational Church of Sophia, the Rev. Kostadin Bozavaisky, officiating. (Further details in a future issue).



Gail and her grandchildren Paul, Jr. and Roxanne.

Some nuggets from Rev. S.K. Sulahian's message throw light on her personality: "My wife and I have always rated John and Arax among the very happy, compatible, hospitable, kind and friendly couples we have had the pleasure of knowing. . . . She performed every task she undertook conscientiously and competently . . . She was loved and respected by all. She was a moderating influence at times of disagreements, and a cheerful and willing worker . . . Her daughters-in-law paid the ultimate tribute by stating that Arax had been a very good influence in their lives . . . We are grieved, but we are also happy for the victorious life she lived by which we are all blessed. She was indeed a princess of a Christian." Having separately arrived at the same evaluations, Dr. Chopourian read special selections from Proverbs 31, every verse of which seemed to indicate that Arax had charted her life's course according to the guidelines in the Biblical chapter.

Arax is survived by her brother, Haigaz Artinian; his wife Arax; her nephew Norair and niece Anahid, of Montreal, Canada; also by her sister Shoushan Tuhdarian, her husband Jivan, and nephew Vahan, all of Lyon, France. She is survived as well by the children of her deceased brother Luder, Dr. Boghos Artinian of Beirut, and Ara and Harout Artinian, who reside in the United States. Her deceased sister Haigouhie's children, Vahe Boghossian of New York, Berge Boghossian of Dallas, Texas, Dr. Shahe Boghossian of Yerevan, Maritza Tuhdarian and Arpine Agakian, both of Lyon, France, also survive her.

A member of the Daughters of Vartan since 1935, she was twice elected Dirouhi of Anahid Otyag and later served three terms as Avak Dirouhi. During the time of her administration she helped found the Ani Otyag in Queens and transferred her membership there, serving on many committees.

A few weeks before her death she travelled to California to attend the Convocation of the Daughters of Vartan, where she was honored for her service and was able to renew acquaintance with her many friends around the country.

The AMAA Board of Directors, the Officers and the Executive Director extend their deepest sympathies to their colleague, John, and to her surviving kin.



LUTHER SALAKIAN

Editor's note: Luther Salakian, born in Tarsus

on February 9, 1912 died of a heart ailment on November 17, 1979 soon after he had relocated his wife, Helen, and daughters, Aznive and Sylvia, in a comfortable condominium. Luther was born only an hour's drive from where I was born a few years after him. Our parents immigrated to Cyprus in 1922 and we graduated from two different high schools, he from the English School in Nicosia and I from the American Academy in Larnaca. We became teachers and physical education directors of two "competing" schools. In addition, my younger brother and Luther married two sisters. His loss was like that of a brother. It was most natural to visit the members of his grieving family when I stopped in Cyprus on June 10, 1980. I had been so proud of him when Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth made him Member of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire (MBE) at the beginning of this year (1980) in recognition of his services to education in Cyprus. For all his profound modesty, he counted that award as one of the happiest achievements of his life. Helen will miss him sorely, for they were so dearly devoted to each other; but in his honor she started a Fund with the AMAA with an initial gift of 150.00 Cyprus Pounds.

The Headmaster of the English School gave an eulogy at a ceremony which was before a huge procession of colleagues, friends, youth bands, ambulance corps and bugles.

I'll let the Headmaster speak about an Armenian who was buried as a hero.

"I speak as Headmaster of the English School—the School to which Luther Salakian gave 50 years of devoted service. It is deeply moving that so many are here to pay him tribute, and to demonstrate the great love that is felt for this dearly lovable man.

The good schoolmaster is very much more than a good instructor: the good schoolmaster is a man with such a sense of vocation that his work is his life: more than this – he is a man whose pupils learn not just from what he teaches and what he does for them, but more importantly and profoundly from what he is. In this regard, Luther was not just a good schoolmaster – *He was a great schoolmaster.*

In the class-room, indeed, as a most competent teacher of Junior Science, he set literally thousands of pupils on the first sure steps that were to take many of them in due course to academic and professional distinction. His gentle voice and imperturbable good humour – he was never once known in the whole of his teaching career to show anger – made learning a pleasure, and certainly drew it out of the dry and narrow channel of exam-cramming – an attitude he always deplored.

"One of the vital qualities of a good schoolmaster is a sincere interest in every one of his pupils as a distinct individual; this Luther had to a remarkable degree, and it was a quality that made such a profound impression upon all whom he taught, that at every school function Luther would be seen thronged by affectionate Old Boys and Girls.

"He was a true product of the influence of the great Canon Newham, the Founder of the School, and always spoke of the Canon with admiration and real affection. From him he learned his great love of sport, played for the sheer enjoyment and as a means of inculcating the essential concept of sportsmanship: this was his whole theme of guidance throughout his many years as a Games Housemaster. It is also largely due to Luther that the game of hockey remains one of the popular sports at the English School: his cheerful enthusiasm on the touchline – never mind who was winning or losing – forms a picture that will live in the memory.

"One of Luther's greatest contributions to the School was in the establishing of our Contingent of the St. John Ambulance Brigade, of which he was a founder-officer 40 years ago, in 1939, and which he served continuously until the day of his death. It is a school activity which attracts today the largest number of pupils, and I am moved to see so many of the Cadets here to pay their own tribute. He was recently honored by the Brigade with an award for long and meritorious service. Three of the promises made by cadets every year at the investiture ceremony seem to me to summarize a great part of Luther's life and personality:

'To be thorough in work and play  
To be cheerful and prompt in all I do  
To help the suffering and the needy.'

"In the end, it is not what we do that counts, but what we are. In his gentleness, in his strength, and in his love, Luther Salakian was the finest gentleman it has ever been my privilege to count as a friend."

The Editor joins the AMAA Board of Directors in wishing Helen, Aznive and Sylvia God's blessings and peace.



BAITZAR MOURADIAN TOKATLIAN

A rock of faith, a life enriched with unending hymns of praise traveled heavenward on March 3, 1980, bringing her husband and her five children face-to-face with the harsh reality of a deep bereavement.

Baitzar Mouradian Tokatlian was born of pious parents, Zarouhie and Melik Mouradian, in the Armenian section of Soez, a province of Bursa, Turkey, in 1897, where she received her

elementary school education. The Mouradians moved to Adapazar when Baitzar was sixteen years old and in 1914 Baitzar married Hagop Tokatlian through whose keenness of mind and quick action the young couple and their family miraculously escaped the tragic wave of the genocide of the Armenians perpetrated by Ottoman Turkey in 1915. After an Odyssey of four years during which they were driven from Konia to Soez and then back to Adapazar where of the seventeen families in their neighborhood only four had survived the massacre, the Tokatlans and their two children went to Constantinople where they joined a British Friends Mission under the guidance of Miss Anna Burgess.

In 1922 Miss Burgess and her mission went to Corfu, Greece, taking along about thirty-five Armenians. On the enchanting island of Corfu, Baitzar and her family spent thirteen years of very hard work. Rocking her infants on her knees, while singing hymns softly to their ears, Baitzar Tokatlian spent part of the quiet hours at night doing embroidery for a little extra income to help support the expanding family. While facing the odds of a new country, Baitzar drew strength from God and bore her heavy responsibilities cheerfully, making the best use of time and opportunity. She was a happy mother whose five children and husband were her pride and joy. She created a truly Armenian and church-loving family, letting the Bible make its ineffaceable impression upon her children's lives. She attended the Rev. Hovsep Djedjizian's church services regularly and drew great wisdom from his sermons.

In 1934, Baitzar Tokatlian and her family moved to Piraeus and soon joined the Armenian Evangelical Church in Palea Kokkinia where the minister is still the Rev. Krikor Demirdjian. Once again, through dedication and hard work, Baitzar assumed the great task of relocating her family, practising humility, tolerance, self-restraint, and taking God at His word especially when World War II came and scattered three of her children in different parts of the world. Baitzar took everything to God in prayer singing hymns and chants cheerfully at all times. Here, too, she attended church regularly and often led the Women's prayer meeting at her home, her church, and in sister churches on World Day of Prayer. Baitzar's constant effort in life was to keep her mind pure and her judgement charitable; to extend intelligent sympathy and generous hospitality.

But this sweet and saintly soul grew weaker in her late seventies and could only very briefly enjoy the lovely house in a beautiful spot of nature which her children provided for her, and where she lived surrounded by a loving family and grandchildren who recited psalms and sang hymns with her even shortly before her departure.

It is hard not to mourn the loss of an angel-like companion of more than sixty-six years to her husband, Hagop, and an inspiring mother who was the foundation of all that is true and beautiful in her children. They live with the Christian hope that her soul has flown home to God for, "Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord . . .



Mariam, Queenie (Mrs. Joseph Madden) and Victoria. She is also survived by three grandchildren, Robert, Eileen and Kenneth Madden of Braintree, Mass. and a sister, Mrs. Aznive Magarian of Valence, France.

The simple faith that Arshalous Kochakian grasped and clung to in her days of great adversity and trouble grew and deepened and became unshakeable through the years. She never wavered in her devotion to Bible reading and prayer. The Scriptures were written "on the table of her heart." She testified to the goodness of the Lord "in season and out." Of her homegoing, she said to her family, "Don't weep for me, I am ready."

The biography of Arshalous Kochakian is that she had no wordly credentials. She was a simple child of God who "loved the Lord with all her heart and her mind and all her soul" - and she wanted everyone else to love Him with equal intensity.

#### MRS. MARIKA MANOOGIAN

Mrs. Marika (Seraphimidou) Manoogian, wife of the famed evangelist-pastor Sisak, and mother of Unified Scholarship Committee members in Beirut, Dr. Peter Manoogian and Mrs. Helen Sagherian, passed away in Beirut on November 6, 1979.

As wife of an evangelist her role was more than that of a mother. She was an active "Yeretzin" and a father to her five children, all of whom have survived her: Rhoda Carswell and Jane Wilson and their families in England; Linda Gulessarian and her family in Cyprus; Peter Manoogian and Helen Sagherian and their families in Beirut, Lebanon. She has 19 grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren.

Members of AMAA's Board of Directors and the Executive Director, while extending sincere sympathies, also rejoice in Marika's life and contributions to the spiritual life of our people.

(For further information see Chanasser, February, 1980 issue, pp. 43-45).

#### MARIAM MARDIROSIAN

Mariam Mardirosian of Hackensack, born in 1889 in Turkish Armenia and affectionately named the "Mayrig" of the young and old of the Armenian Presbyterian Church of Paramus, entered her eternal rest on July 8, 1980. Viewing was on Thursday, July 10 and funeral services from her church on Friday, July 11 with the Reverends Guekguezian and Chopourian officiating. Three sons, Panos, Hagop and Kaloust, sister Tziatzan and husband Daniel died earlier.

"Mayrig" was a source of inspiration. Her faith was as strong as the Rock of Gibraltar and her faith's expression, service, was active until her last days when she bid farewell at age 101, just 21 years after becoming a U.S. citizen. Her knitting was for charitable causes within the confines of her church where her "afghans" were popular auction items.

"Mayrig" is survived by her son Garabed of Hackensack, N.J.; a nephew in Armenia; a grandson, Aram of Connecticut; 3 great-grandchildren and 2 great-great-grandchildren.

May peace and hope abide in us because of her beautiful life.

#### EPHRONIA JIZMEJIAN MAROUKIAN

Mrs. Ephronia Maroukian, Rev. Abraham Jizmejian's sister, entered her eternal rest on Thursday, June 5, 1980 after a short period of illness.

Ephronia, who had accepted Christ as her Savior at an early age, structured her life after that of her Lord, becoming gentle, hospitable, loving and serviceable. She has served Christ in her own important ways: personal witnessing through tracts, visitations to homes, Bible studies and counseling to the troubled.

The Board of Directors and Executive Director wish God's peace and comfort upon the Maroukian and Jizmejian families.



#### NOORITZA (ASHUKIAN) APKARIAN

Nooritza (Ashukian) Apkarian of Belmont, Mass., widow of the late Avedis Apkarian and mother of the late Henry Apkarian, was born in Kisrig in 1895 and died on Sunday, May 4, 1980.

At the age of 10, after her mother's (Mary Badrigan's) death, she came to Rhode Island with her brother Oscar and sisters, Sarah and Badasjan, where in 1908 she married Avedis Apkarian and settled in Lowell, Mass.

During the years she generously contributed to the Holy Trinity Church, Cambridge; St. Stephen's Church, Watertown; to the Ararat Congregational Church, Methuen, a piano in memory of son, Henry; to the Armenian Old Age Home in Jamaica Plains, Mass., a room in memory of her son and husband.

Mrs. Apkarian is survived by daughter-in-law Sadie Apkarian; sister, Sarah Kalunian of Inglewood, Calif.; daughters, Esther Tatarian of Belmont, Mass. and Mary Manoogian of Millbury, Mass.; and three grandchildren.

#### PARIS T. KUZOIAN

Mrs. Paris T. Kuzoian, widow of the late Stephen Kuzoian and sister of Mr. Nushan Asadourian of Cranston, R.I. died in the Elm Hill Convalescent Home, Rocky Hill.

Mrs. Kuzoian was born in Harpoot, Armenia, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Asadour Asadourian.

She is mourned by four sons, Robert of Chatham, Mass.; Stephen, Richard and Donald of Newington; two brothers, Charles A. and Nushan Asadourian; ten grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Annie Goergizian has remembered her relative with an in lieu of flowers memorial donation.

The Board of Directors extends sincere sympathies to her sons, brothers and grandchildren.

\*Memorials were designated for AMAA.

The AMAA Board of Directors extend their heartfelt condolences to the families of the deceased through the medium of the AMAA NEWS.

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#### Mrs. Marika Manoogian

Beirut, Lebanon Nov. 6, 1979

#### \*Mr. Luther Salakian Cyprus Nov. 17, 1979

#### Mr. Mose G. Mosesian CA Feb. 14, 1980

#### Mrs. Aznive (Yorganian) Nedurian Philadelphia, PA March 7, 1980

#### Mrs. Lucy Assatourian Levittown, NY March 17, 1980

#### Mrs. Antaram Rose Kirishian Illinois April 9, 1980

#### The Rev. Mr. Mesrob S. Paravazian Sofia, Bulgaria April 14, 1980

#### Mrs. Hazel Folmer CA April 29, 1980

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#### \*Mrs. Agnes Frankian Rhode Island June 12, 1980

#### \*Mr. Samuel Proodian Cliffsde Park, NJ June 18, 1980

#### Mr. Paul Kachadorian Malden, MA July, 1980

#### \*Mrs. Mariam (Mayrig) Mardirosian Hackensack, NJ July 8, 1980

#### Satenig Bezjian Upper Darby, PA July 11, 1980

#### The Rev. Mr. Norair H. Orchanian Beirut, Lebanon July 24, 1980

#### \*Mr. A.S. Mehagian Scottsdale, AZ July 23, 1980

#### \*Mrs. Paris T. Kuzoian Providence, RI August, 1980

#### \*Mrs. Hrandine Nigossian Pasadena, CA August, 1980

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# HAIGAZIAN COLLEGE SILVER JUBILEE BANQUET

Banquet Committee Chairman, George Philibosian, advises that the Haigazian College 25th Anniversary Banquet preparations are right on target. Several meetings took place and from all indications this event promises to be a most deserving success.

The affair organized by the Haigazian College Eastern Committee, under the chairmanship of Dr. Vahe Roublian, will culminate a series of other gatherings organized in the United States for the benefit of the well known learning institution in Beirut, Lebanon.

It should be emphasized then that even though the College was founded as, and remains an Evangelical institution, being started and supported mostly by the Evangelicals, its doors were always open to all the youth of our people. It is a matter of continuing record that at all times the enrollment levels from our Armenian Apostolic compatriots exceeded that from those of evangelical background. Indeed, from the present reduced level of a regular enrollment of above 500 to 350, more than half are of Armenian heritage, and 85% of the total of the Armenian students are Armenian Apostolicals. Therefore, it is obvious that it is "not only said but meant" when Haigazian is considered a fine institution serving all of the Armenians.

The Silver Jubilee Banquet, thus marking 25 years of uninterrupted and most valuable services to our people, at times at the price of enormous sacrifices, will take place at the beauti-

ful Palsadium in Cliffside Park, New Jersey, overlooking the mighty Hudson River and the incredible New York skyline, on November 16, 1980.

In addition to an excellent menu, the affair will be honored by our most cherished Metropolitan Opera and world renowned singer, Lili Chookasian.

Master of Ceremonies is none other than the Philadelphia Attorney of fame, Albert Momjian, well known leader of the Armenian Community in the U.S.A. Dr. John Markarian, the remarkable President of the Haigazian College, who in a series of previous presentations explained to his compatriots in this country the nature, needs and achievements of the college, will be the main speaker of the affair, with three Haigazian College graduates in this country following with short remarks.

From all preliminary indications, even at this early stage, it appears that the affair will be a total success, and since the Palsodium can accommodate not more than 400 guests, it is suggested that friends of Haigazian College who do not want to miss this opportunity make their reservations without delay as soon as the invitations mailed reaches them.

Note to the public on other area Banquets in 1980:

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